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CHANGES IN THE 1940 AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM TO MAKE IT MORE BENEFICIAL TO WILDLIFE ON THE FARMS AS RECOMMENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATES OF MICHIGAN, MISSOURI, IOWA, OHIO, PENNSYLVANIA AND NORTH CAROLINA IN CONFERENCE WITH AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION, BIOLOGICAL SURVEY, SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE AND FOREST SERVICE OFFICIALS, WASHINGTON, D. C. JANUARY 9 AND 10, 1939.

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Sec. 7. - SOIL-BUILDING PRACTICES U. S. Department of Agriculture

Such of the soil-building practices listed in the following schedule as the Administrator determines are adapted to any region and should be encouraged in such region shall count toward the achievement of the soil-building goal to the extent indicated therein, when such practices are carried out in 1940 in areas designated by the Administrator and in accordance with specifications issued by the regional director or by the State committee with the approval of the regional director. The areas designated for any soil-building and soil conservation practice shall be areas in which such practice is desirable and necessary as a measure for the conservation of soil, wildlife and forestry. The specifications issued shall be such as to assure that the soil-building practice will be performed in workmanlike manner and in accordance with good farming practice for the locality.

(Add Paragraph)

In addition to fulfilling the primary purposes of this act, many of the soil-conserving practices can be designed to be of special benefit to wildlife. Where the soil-building practices have a special value for wildlife, plans should be designed and executed according to acceptable wildlife-management standards within the region.

(Page 17.) The word "shrubs" should be added immediately following the word "trees" wherever it appears in the section dealing with "Soil-Building Practices" on this page.

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Add. (10) (a) Natural reseeding by prevention of grazing, cultivation and fire of terrace outlets, ditch-banks, stream-banks, hedge rows, and other lands designated for wildlife purposes and approved by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

Add. (12) (a) Maintenance of water levels on lakes and marshes to prevent destruction of muck and peat by fire and to improve wildlife habitats by the construction of reservoirs and dams, (10 cu. yards of material moved in making the fill or excavation or 7 cu. ft. of concrete or rubble masonry.) such practices to be designated and approved by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

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(New Paragraph.) (c) (2) (a) Seeding annual or perennial legumes, grasses, sorghums, millets, buckwheat, flax or sunflower, or combinations of the above, provided that the area of such seeding be not less than one acre, such practices to be designated and approved by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

(c) (3) Amend to read as follows: Cultivating, protecting and maintaining by replanting, if necessary, a good stand of forest trees or a mixture of forest trees and shrubs suitable for wildlife planted between July 1, 1936 and July 1, 1940.

(c) (4) With prior approval of the County Committee, improving a stand of forest trees, shrubs suitable for wildlife, or both, under such approved system of farm woodlot and wildlife management as is specified by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

(d) (2) (New Paragraph.)

Establishment of a permanent vegetative cover by planting or improving mixed shrubs and natural vegetation beneficial to wildlife on areas continuously protected from livestock and fire.

(f) (1) Planting forest trees and shrubs including those beneficial to wildlife provided such trees and shrubs are protected from fire and grazing and cultivated in accordance with good tree culture and wildlife management practices.

